

President's Corner: 2014 was a fun year for our camera club. We had informative programs and activities, and our membership grew considerably. I want to thank all our members who worked so hard to make 2014 so successful. I was intimidated and a little stressed to take over from president Laura. But, we have so many hard working volunteers that make my job easy and fun. We will have more to say about our 2014 year in next month's edition. Our newsletter has grown from a 2-3 page update on club activities just a year ago to a full-fledged, professional quality monthly online photography magazine that spans our country and several more. I am totally amazed of its growth. We have so many "friends of the club" who share their photos that allows us to produce our newsletter. Like most readers, I cannot wait to see the next edition. Thank you "friends" so much for your strong support. On behalf of all BUCC members, we wish you a Merry Christmas. We hope that Santa brings you that special camera equipment you want and that you will get to use it over and over again in 2015. See you next year. Carrie



Cass Scenic Railroad State Park, Pocahontas County WV – Walter Scriptunas



On Top of Blackwater Falls, Tucker County WV – Nathan Symons

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Upcoming Club Activities & News

Next Meeting

December 5 @ 6:00 p.m. Christmas Party – Set up at 5pm

Near Term Club Schedule

Jan – Photography basics plus "how to" snow photography

Feb – Hands on "know your camera"

Mar – Hands on "portrait" photography

Upcoming Photo of the Month Topics

January – Abstracts

February – Snow scenes

March – Doors/Doorways

Upcoming Photo Trips

December 6 – Prickett's Fort

Early February – Seneca Rocks & Germany Valley (Snow photography)

Late April – Spring wildflowers (Macro photography focus)

Special Newsletter Features

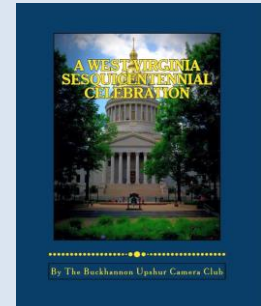
Here are the topics of our newsletter special feature for early 2015. **All are welcome to submit photos.**

January – The Best of 2014

February – Old and Abandoned

March – Civil War

A Great Christmas Gift



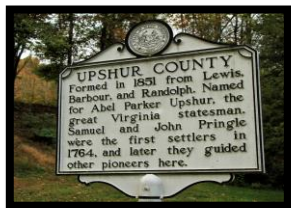
Christmas is only a few weeks away, Want to get a loved one or friend a special gift, then purchase a copy of our *A West Virginia Sesquicentennial Celebration* for only \$10 at www.createpace.com/4357439 or contact me at alanandliva@aol.com.

This Month's Header

Thanks to Allan Jones of the Morgantown Camera Club who contributed his panoramic photo for this month's edition. It was taken at Coopers Rock Lake in Monongalia County. It's a great photo op location where you can catch trout for supper.

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Club News

Due to Thanksgiving falling on the fourth Thursday of the month, we met a week early on November 20. We had a smaller turnout than normal due to all the conflicting activities that night. But, sixteen members attended and reviewed the excellent "Members Showcase" slide show that included members' favorite shots of the year plus photos from the various fun activities of the past year. Thanks to John Simons who put the excellent presentation together. The members reviewed and approved a "draft 2015 activities plan," which included proposed monthly programs, POTM topics, and photo trip destinations. The plan, which was built on member feedback collected from our 2015 BUCC Survey, emphasizes hands on learning both in the monthly programs and the photo trips. Members also discussed the upcoming Christmas Party and the December 6 Prickett's Fort photo shoot. Al Tucker won the POTM contest with his "White Deer" photo. The topic was "high key/low key."



November Photo of the Month – Alan Tucker

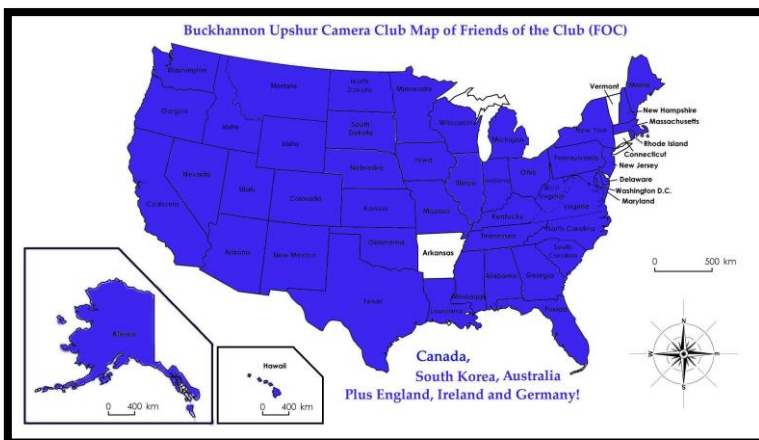
Club Photography Market

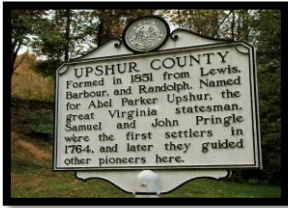
Nathan Symons has the following items for sale: (1) "I have two Canon 1D Mark III camera bodies for sale, \$1,000 each. Both are pro bodies and weather resistant, 10 megapixel and 10 photos per second. A couple miscellaneous additions: Batteries last for a very long time. Both cameras in very good shape. They are both currently my backup cameras. Looking to sell them to upgrade to a 1DX or other top end camera. I've used them for years and done well, would be great for anything but especially persons wanting to shoot sports." (2) "I also have a Sigma 170-500mm 5-6.3 for Canon mount. In like new condition. Great lens, great condition. It's been sitting on my shelf since I bought my 400mm 2.8. Looking for \$425." Contact Nathan Nathan at terpchamp2002@yahoo.com.

Al Tucker has the following items for sale: (1) Canon PowerShot SX50 HS 12MP Digital Camera w/ 2.8 inch LCD: 50x optical zoom w/24 mm wide angle lens w/image stabilizer and 1080full HD video in stereo sound. Like new, includes battery & charger. Retail \$399, Price \$200. (2) Pentax Optio Rx18 Camera (point & shoot). 16 MP, 18 optical zoom, HD video, shake reduction. Very little use, with this great little pocket camera just like John Simons carries. Price \$50. Contact Al at alanandliva@aol.com.

Friends of the Club – Three states to go.

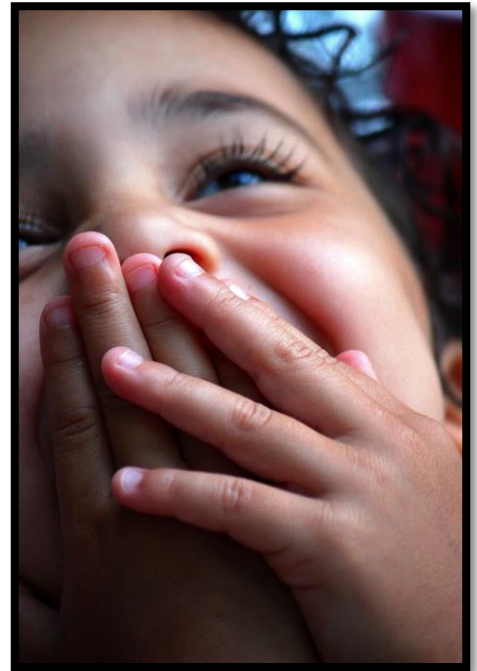
We picked up several new friends in November and added two states, Kansas and South Dakota, leaving us three elusive states: Arkansas, Connecticut, and Vermont. We appreciate everyone's support in recruiting new members and sharing the newsletter with your friends. We are wracking our brain trying to figure out how to get those last three states. As always, your help is welcomed, as we try to fill out the map.





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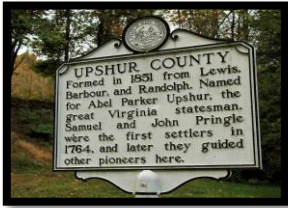
This month, we are pleased to introduce Tina Bulka, who is not only a strong supporter of our newsletter, but she was a major contributor to our "A West Virginia Sesquicentennial Celebration" book. Our club is very fortunate to have "friends" like Tina who is so willing to share her photos with our readers. We also appreciate Tina who took time to be one of our judges at this year's Strawberry Festival Photo Contest. We often see ribbons on Tina's photos at all the local regional photo contests. Some of our readers may have seen Tina's photo on the cover of the WV Family Magazine this past summer. Her photos have also been featured in the South By Southeast, Abandon Beauties, Historic American Homes and WV Living magazines. We are proud to showcase Tina's photography journey through her words and photos. Here's Tina!



Growing up, I was the kid who always wanted a camera for Christmas, and luckily I always received one. Pretty amazing considering I come from a large family of nine. I took those little Kodak instamatics everywhere, family vacations, holidays, birthdays etc. It seems like today I am still the family photographer at family functions. Most of them grow very weary of hearing me say "just one more."



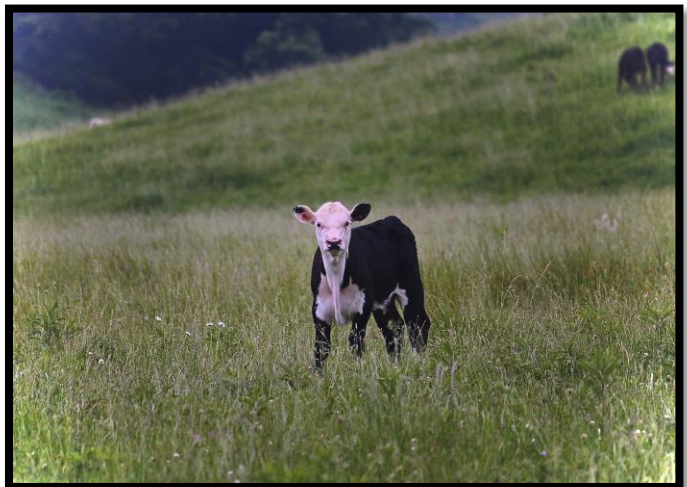
As you can see from my photos, my favorite subjects are barns, nature, horses and children. They all just bring a joy to my soul when out in the fresh air and beautiful light. I am not a technical photographer. With my modest Canon XSI, I play around with various aperture/modes/ISO and such.

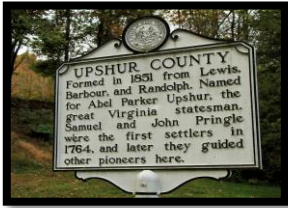


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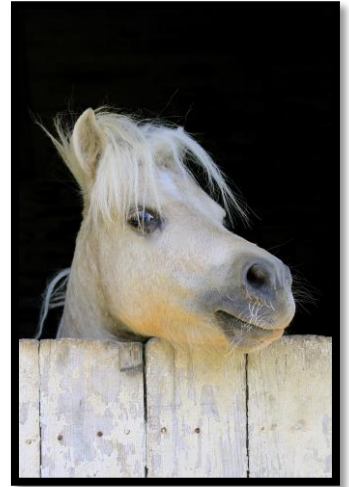
My husband, John, and I have been married for 31 yrs. We live in Bridgeport WV. I teach preschool and John works at the VA Medical Center. We have one furchild, a 14yr old retired therapy dog named Hershey (another popular subject of mine). Most of my photography is here in West Virginia. While I haven't traveled abroad yet, I would love to take a travel-photo op trip to Ireland or Tuscany one day.





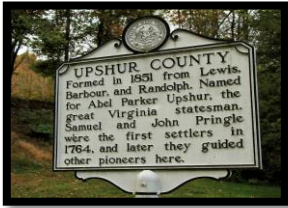
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One last note: A few weeks ago, I visited an older cousin, we got on the subject of photography, she said, "Your dad used to love taking pictures." (I still have his old Kodak camera, although growing up, I never saw him use it.) Her next words to me were amazing, "You know, his favorite things to photograph were barns." Stunned I said, "No, I didn't know that." Shocked and amazed, I just looked at her and a warm feeling came over me. My dad has been gone a long time, and just knowing we both had that connection was priceless. I believe photography truly is good for the soul. (Editor's note: Tina, thanks for sharing your story, your dad would be very proud of you.)



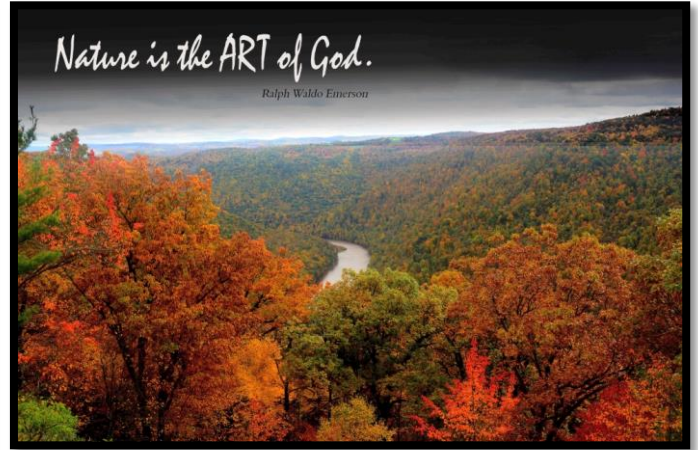


Monthly Photography Showcase - Autumn Splendor

Each season brings a unique variety of subjects for photographers to shoot, but autumn is the grand prize when green leaves turn red, yellow, orange, golden, and brown, they slowly come down on gentle days, and ride the air and swirl when the wind blows. Stanley Horowitz's artistic quotation best defines autumn's beauty: "Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all." Sit back and enjoy autumn's crowning glory that our generous photographers captured and wanted to share with you. We begin with scenic vistas.



Lindy Point, Tucker County WV - Nathan Symons



Cheat River from Coopers Rock, Monongalia Cty WV - Carol Coffman



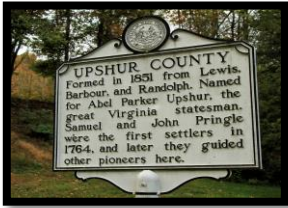
Bali Farm, Randolph County WV - John Simons



Westerly View, Spruce Knob, Pendleton County WV - Alan Tucker



Grandview National Park, Raleigh County WV - Linda Treadway



Autumn Splendor – Scenic Vistas Continued



View from Bald Knob, Pocahontas County WV – Dan Friend



Upshur County Vista from Indian Camp Road WV - Ron Buckton



Germany Valley, Pendleton County WV - Sharon Boone



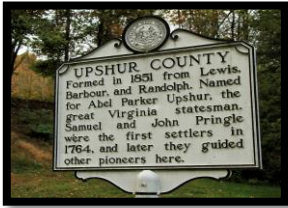
Preston County View near Aurora WV – Alan Tucker



Cranberry Glades, Pocahontas County WV - Dennis Govoni



Scenic Highway Meadow, Pocahontas County WV - Jim Clark



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Autumn Splendor – Colorful Scenics



Seneca Rocks from afar WV – Clayton Spangler



Snow Mountain UT – Laurie Lewis



Blackwater Falls WV – John Simons



Seneca Rocks Up-Close, Pendleton County WV – Sandi Moore



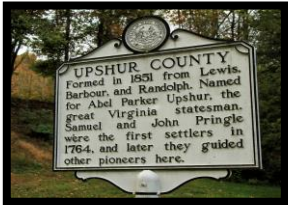
Donel C. Kinnard State Veteran's Cemetery WV – Janet Hutnik



Tom's Cove Marsh, Assateague Island VA – Dennis Govoni
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Clarke County Countryside, near Paris VA – Roger Lancaster
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Autumn Splendor - Reflections



Boley Lake, Babcock State Park, Fayette County WV - Dan Friend



Stonewall Jackson State Park, Lewis County WV - Alan Tucker



Tidal Basin, Washington, DC - Dennis Govoni



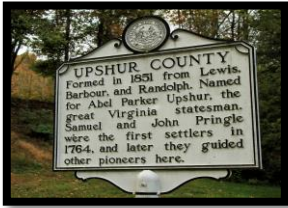
Blackwater River near Davis, Tucker County WV - John Simons



The Ottauquechee River, Woodstock VT - Barry Taylor



Cedar Creek State Park, Gilmer County WV - Amanda Haddox



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Autumn Splendor - Down the Lane/Along the Road



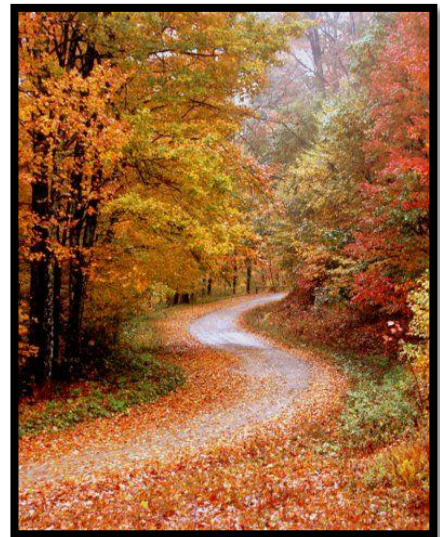
Coopers Rock Overlook Path, Monongalia County WV - Carol Coffman

WV Botanic Garden Lane, Monongalia Cty WV - Mark Reasor



Country Road Near Flagstaff AZ - Laurie Lewis

Salem Ridge Road, Upshur County WV - Ron Buckton



Spruce Knob Lane, WV - Alan Tucker

Bird's Eye View of Fall - Dan Friend
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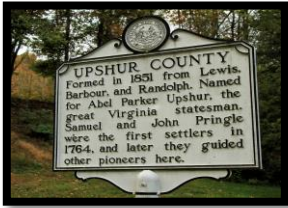
Holly River State Park Road WV - John Simons

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Autumn Splendor - The Beauty of Leaves



Red Beauty, Coopers Rock SP, Monongalia Cty WV - Sam McCulloch

Golden Canopy, WV Botanic Garden, Mon Cty WV - Mark Reasor



Ginkgo Grove, VA Arboretum, near Millwood VA - Roger Lancaster

Early Color, French Creek, Upshur County WV - Frank Eskew



Fallen Color, Cass Railroad SP, Pocahontas WV - Nancy Moore

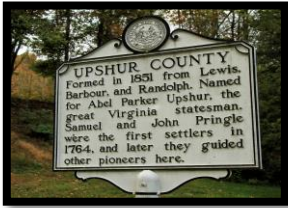
Orange Glow, Tygart Lake SP, Taylor County - Joan Justice

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Autumn Splendor – Adorning our Streams & Rivers



Jennings Creek in Botetourt County VA - Al Bailey



Buckhannon River, Upshur County WV - Sharon Boone



Forest Park, St Louis MO - Max Arens



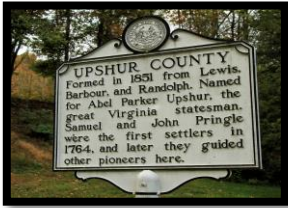
Blackwater River near the lodge, Tucker County WV - John Simons



Sandstone Falls on the New River, Summers County WV - Dan Friend



Poe Run, Kumbrabow SP, Randolph County WV – Alan Tucker



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Autumn Splendor – Adorning our Waterfalls



Valley Falls State Park, Marion County WV - James Knudsen



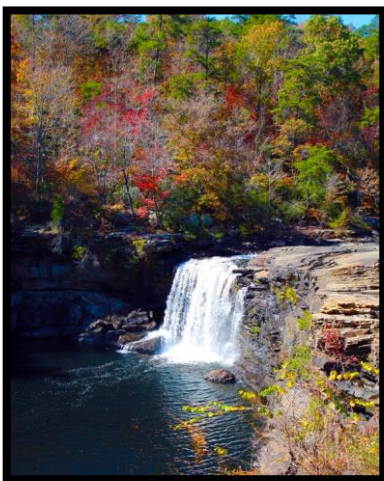
Graveyard Falls, Blue Ridge Parkway NC – Alan Tucker



Dunlop Creek near Thurmond, Fayette County WV - Tammy Wagner



Douglas Falls near Thomas, Tucker County WV - Jim Clark



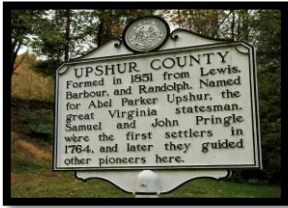
Little River Falls near Fort Payne AL - Dan Kohlhaas



Falling Spring Falls near Covington VA - Amanda Haddox

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Autumn Splendor – Artistic Images



Fuzzy – Jozette Spacht



Fence Posts – Dan Friend



Kamloops Camouflage – Roger Lancaster



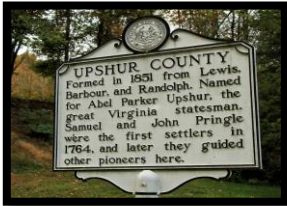
Autumn Morning – Jim Clark



Leaves in Transition – Dennis Govoni



Majestic Trail – Jozette Spacht



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Autumn Splendor - It is fun for kids too!



There's 'Cash' in those leaves! -Kelley Logsdon



Buried in Leaves - Ron Buckton



The Pumpkin Patch - Joan Justice



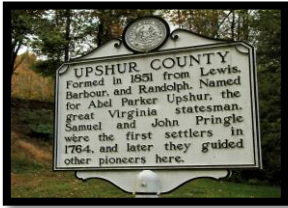
"I'll take this one!" Alan Tucker



Mom and daughter say goodbye to fall - Jeremy McGowan



Pumpkin Fun - John Mundy

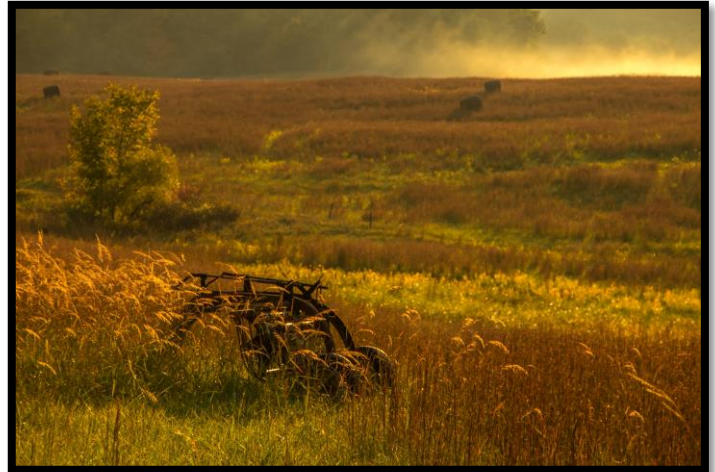


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Autumn Splendor – On the Farm



Long Branch Farm, Millwood VA – Roger Lancaster



Amber Waves near Terra Alta, Preston County WV – Jozette Spacht



Waiting to be Harvested, North Royalton OH – Melanie Peck



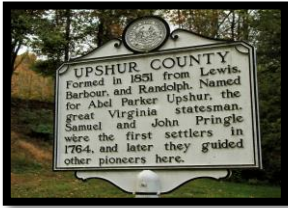
New England Farming, Sunderland MA – Danny VanDalsen



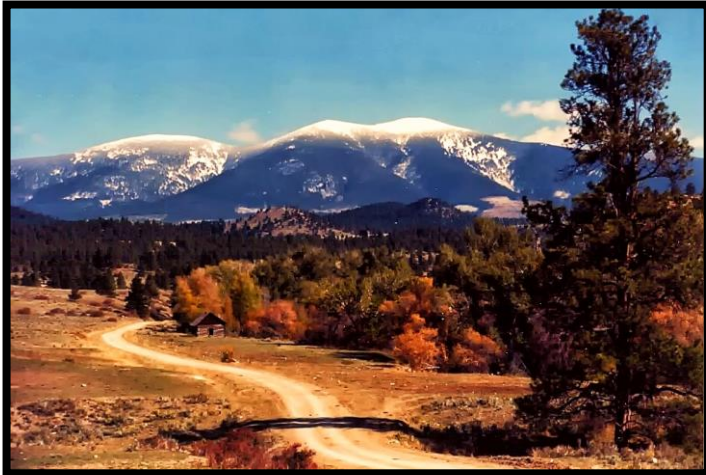
Red Barn near Sam Black Church, Greenbrier County WV – Al Bailey



Baling Hay, Middle Mountain, Randolph Cty WV – Alan Tucker



Autumn Splendor – Grand Western Scenics



Montana Country Road – Troy Helmick



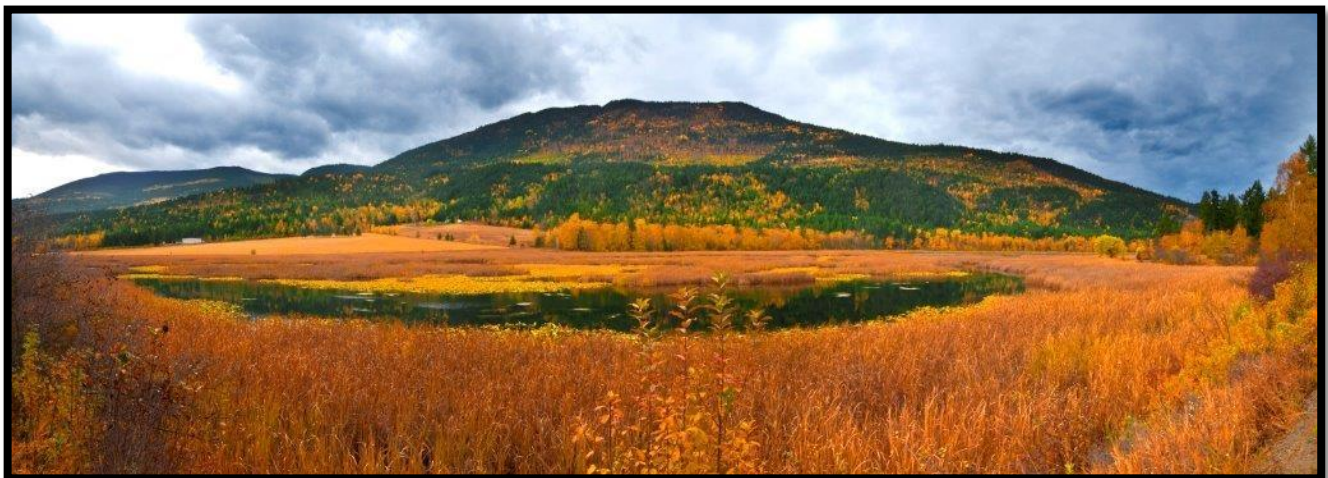
Colorado Aspens – Brooks Jones



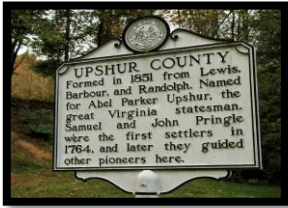
Jackson Lake CA – Laurie Lewis



Yosemite Valley Light CA – Max Arens



White Lake, Kamloops BC – Roger Lancaster



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Autumn Splendor - New England Fall Color



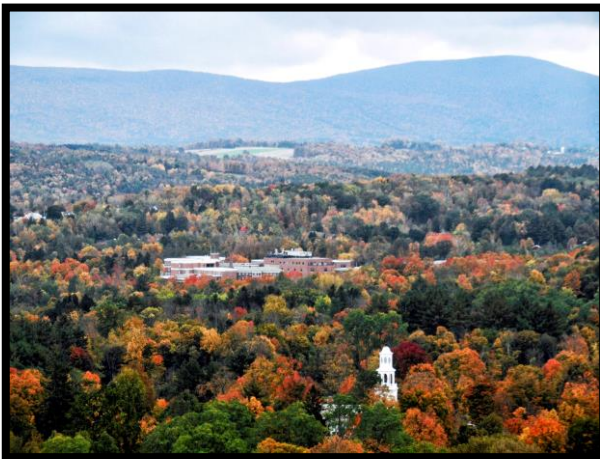
C5 Galaxy, Westover AB MA - Kelly Goonan



Lake Placid colors from ski jump NY - Barry Taylor



Orange Combo MA - Kelly Goonan



Vermont Countryside - Danny VanDalsen



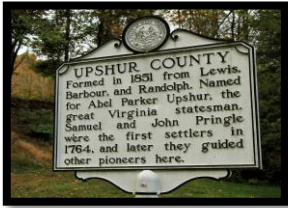
Lake Placid NY Countryside - Diana Taylor



Hay Bale Character, Killington VT - Dan Kohlhaas



Willy Pond Reflections NH - Diana Taylor



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Autumn Splendor - Highlighting Historic Landmarks



Mabry Mill, Meadows of Dan VA- Amanda Haddox



Pioneer Farm, Twin Falls SP, Wyoming County WV - Al Bailey



Near Clifton Mill OH - Joan Justice



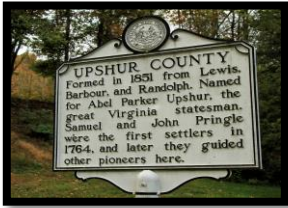
Humpback Covered Bridge, Covington VA- Amanda Haddox



Cass RR State Park, Pocahontas County WV - Walter Scriptunas



Cass RR State Park, Pocahontas County WV - Nancy Moore



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Autumn Splendor – Around the Neighborhood



Neighborhood Church, Mon County WV – Dick Hepler

Backyard Splendor – Kelley Logsdon

Campus Beauty – Dick Hepler



Neighborhood Lamp Post – Ron Gaskins

Neighborhood Cottage – Diana Taylor



Neighborhood Church, Upshur County WV – Ron Buckton

Yikes, Autumn Splendor is over! – James Huber